

# Saint Basil Greek Orthodox Church

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ACCESSIBLE**

**Sunday, July 4, 2021**

Saints and Feasts:

- ◇ 2nd Sunday of Matthew
- ◇ Andrew of Crete Author of the Great Canon

But mark both their faith, and their obedience. For though they were in the midst of their work (and you know how greedy a thing fishing is), when they heard His command, they delayed not, ... but "they forsook all and followed," ... Because such is the obedience which Christ seeks of us, as that we delay not even a moment of time.

**St. John Chrysostom**

*Homily 14 on Matthew 4, 4th Century*

Prayer, fasting, vigil and all other Christian practices, however good they may be in themselves, do not constitute the aim of our Christian life, although they serve as the indispensable means of reaching this end. The true aim of our Christian life consists in the acquisition of the Holy Spirit of God.

**St. Seraphim of Sarov**

*The Acquisition of the Holy Spirit: Chapter 3, The Little Russian Philokalia Vol. 1; Saint Herman of Alaska Brotherhood pg. 79, 19th century  
prayer, fasting, vigil, Holy Spirit*

**Narthex Duty:**

Arthur Harris

**Welcoming Ministry:**

Leia & Corey Kennelly

**Orthros Reader:**

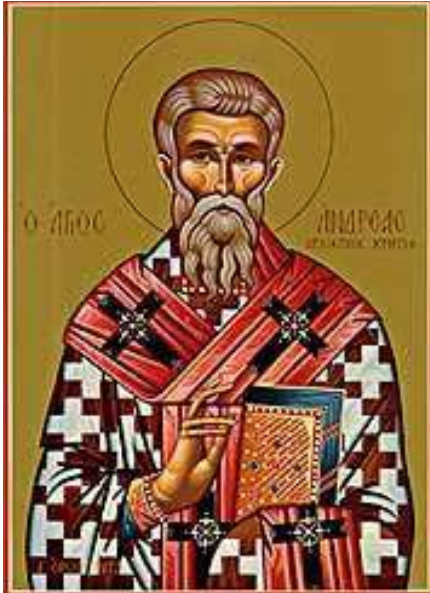
Maria Constantinides

**Coffee Hour:**

Leia & Corey Kennelly

## **Communion Guidelines:**

As a reminder, only Baptized and Chrismated Orthodox Christians may receive Holy Communion. Follow the Ushers row by row and please exit towards the outside aisles.



## Andrew of Crete Author of the Great Canon

Saint Andrew was from Damascus; his parents' names were George and Gregoria. He became a cleric and secretary of Theodore and Patriarch of Jerusalem; from this, he is called "the Jerusalemite." He was present at the Sixth Ecumenical Council in Constantinople, which was convoked in 680 during the reign of Emperor Constantine IV (668-685). He became deacon of the Great church in Constantinople, that is, the Church of the Holy Wisdom of God, then Archbishop of Crete. He reposed in 720 or 723. Beside his other sacred writings, he also composed various hymns, among which is the famous Great Canon, which is chanted during Great Lent (see the Thursday of the Fifth Week of the Fast).



Do you work in the city of Chicago?  
Would you like to attend Weekday Liturgies but cannot because of Work? Join us at St. Basil.  
6:30 AM

## July

**July 7:** St. Kyriaki the Great Martyr

**July 12:** St. Paisios of Mt. Athos

Patronal Feasts for the Chicago parishes will not be celebrated at St. Basil  
Please check the [St. Basil website calendar](#) for updates to above schedule Liturgies are  
Livestreamed on the [St. Basil Facebook Page](#)

# Hymns of the Day After the Small Entrance

## Resurrectional Apolytikion

1<sup>st</sup> Tone

Although Your tomb was sealed with a stone by the Judeans and Your most sacred body, O Savior, was guarded by soldiers, You rose on the third day, O Christ, and gave life to all the world. Wherefore all the heavenly Powers proclaimed that You are the Giver of Life. Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Your Kingdom. Glory to Your Dispensation, O You, who alone love mankind.

## Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Ἦχος α'

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν· διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε φιλόανθρωπε.

## Apolytikion for the Church

1<sup>st</sup> Tone

Your proclamation went forth into all the earth, for it accepted your word, through which you taught the dogmas befitting God, you expounded on the nature of all that is, and you arranged the morals of society. A royal priesthood! Devout father Basil, intercede with Christ our God, to grant us His great mercy.

## Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ

Ἦχος α'

Εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος σου, ὡς δεξαμένην τὸν λόγον σου, δι' οὗ θεοπρεπῶς ἐδογματίσας, τὴν φύσιν τῶν ὄντων ἐτράνωσας, τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἦθη κατεκόσμησας, Βασίλειον Ἱεράτευμα, Πάτερ Ὅσιε, Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἱκέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

## Kontakion

2<sup>nd</sup> Tone

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

## Κοντάκιον

Ἦχος β'

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδης ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.



## Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ / THE EPISTLE

**The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 2:10-16**

**Πρὸς Ῥωμαίους 2:10-16 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα**

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

Ἀδελφοί, δόξα δὲ καὶ τιμὴ καὶ εἰρήνη παντὶ τῷ ἐργαζομένῳ τὸ ἀγαθόν, Ἰουδαίῳ τε πρῶτον καὶ Ἑλληνι· οὐ γάρ ἐστιν προσωποληψία παρὰ τῷ θεῷ. Ὅσοι γὰρ ἀνόμως ἥμαρτον, ἀνόμως καὶ ἀπολοῦνται· καὶ ὅσοι ἐν νόμῳ ἥμαρτον, διὰ νόμου κριθήσονται· οὐ γὰρ οἱ ἀκροαταὶ τοῦ νόμου δίκαιοι παρὰ τῷ θεῷ, ἀλλ' οἱ ποιηταὶ τοῦ νόμου δικαιωθήσονται. Ὅταν γὰρ ἔθνη τὰ μὴ νόμον ἔχοντα φύσει τὰ τοῦ νόμου ποιῇ, οὗτοι, νόμον μὴ ἔχοντες, ἑαυτοῖς εἰσιν νόμος· οἵτινες ἐνδείκνυνται τὸ ἔργον τοῦ νόμου γραπτὸν ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις αὐτῶν, συμμαρτυρούσης αὐτῶν τῆς συνειδήσεως, καὶ μεταξὺ ἀλλήλων τῶν λογισμῶν κατηγορούντων ἢ καὶ ἀπολογουμένων, ἐν ἡμέρᾳ ὅτε κρινεῖ ὁ θεὸς τὰ κρυπτὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων, κατὰ τὸ εὐαγγέλιόν μου, διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ.



## ΤΟ ΘΕΙΟΝ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ / THE HOLY GOSPEL

**The Gospel According to  
Matthew 4:18-23**

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

**Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 4:18-23  
Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα**

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, περιπατῶν δὲ παρὰ τὴν θάλασσαν τῆς Γαλιλαίας εἶδε δύο ἀδελφούς, Σίμωνα τὸν λεγόμενον Πέτρον καὶ Ἀνδρέαν τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, βάλλοντας ἀμφίβληστρον εἰς τὴν θάλασσαν· ἦσαν γὰρ ἀλιεῖς· καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· δεῦτε ὀπίσω μου καὶ ποιήσω ὑμᾶς ἀλιεῖς ἀνθρώπων. οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὰ δίκτυα ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ προβάς ἐκεῖθεν εἶδεν ἄλλους δύο ἀδελφούς, Ἰάκωβον τὸν τοῦ Ζεβεδαίου καὶ Ἰωάννην τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, ἐν τῷ πλοίῳ μετὰ Ζεβεδαίου τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτῶν καταρτίζοντας τὰ δίκτυα αὐτῶν, καὶ ἐκάλεσεν αὐτούς. οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὸ πλοῖον καὶ τὸν πατέρα αὐτῶν ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ περιῆγεν ὅλην τὴν Γαλιλαίαν ὁ Ἰησοῦς διδάσκων ἐν ταῖς συναγωγαῖς αὐτῶν καὶ κηρύσσων τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τῆς βασιλείας καὶ θεραπεύων πᾶσαν νόσον καὶ πᾶσαν μαλακίαν ἐν τῷ λαῷ.



## CLOTHING DRIVE - BUSINESS CASUAL



The Pacific Garden Mission has been providing safe shelter and hot meals to Chicago's homeless, while preaching the Gospel, 365 days a year since 1877.

The mission's New Life program provides participants with tools to rebuild their lives and find permanent housing. Gaining employment is part of this rebuilding.

Let's help these men and women by donating new and gently used business casual clothes for interviews for the job that will help lift them out of poverty.

Large and extra-large sizes most needed. But all sizes are needed and appreciated.

Men's sports jackets, suits, dress shirts, neckties

Women's blazers, dress blouses and shirts

Please bring your donation no later than Sunday, August 1.

This is our fourth clothing drive for PGM. Your generosity has made a difference for the desperate men and women who turn to them for help.

- Ladies Philoptochos

New Life Graduates



METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO

# CLERGY-LAITY ASSEMBLY

**OCTOBER 7 - 10, 2021**  
Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark  
**ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI**



CLERGY-LAITY ASSEMBLY 2021  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI  
METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO

**HOST PARISHES**  
St. Nicholas in St. Louis, MO  
and SS. Constantine & Helen  
in Swansea, IL

[WWW.CHICAGO.GOARCH.ORG/CLERGY-LAITY](http://WWW.CHICAGO.GOARCH.ORG/CLERGY-LAITY)

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**AUG. 18, 2021**

**St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church**  
**Golf Outing**



Odyssey Country Club  
19110 S Ridgeland Ave.  
Tinley Park, IL

**\$135 Includes:**

18 Holes of Golf  
Breakfast  
Lunch  
Dinner  
Open Bar

**\$60 Includes:**

Dinner  
Open Bar



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF  
CHICAGO PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY

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*Our Metropolis priests cook their favorite recipes!*

Launch Date  
**JUNE 20, 2021**

ALL PROCEEDS to benefit the  
Metropolis Philoptochos Philanthropy Fund

Series Cost \$40  
More information to follow at:  
<https://chicagophilos.org>



For questions contact:  
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# Calendar for the Weeks Ahead

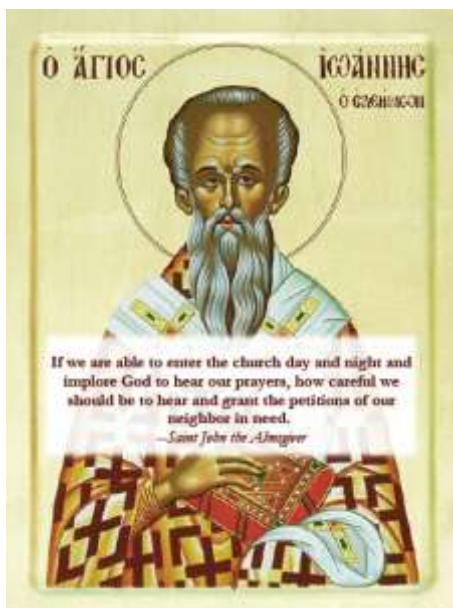
- **Sunday, July 4, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for 2nd Sunday of Matthew**
  - Tuesday, July 6, 10:00am - Bible Study
- Wednesday, July 7, 6:30am - Early Morning Divine Liturgy for St. Kyriaki the Great Martyr
  - Wednesday, July 7, 5:30pm - Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary
  - Wednesday, July 7, 6:30pm - Online A.R.E. Class
- **Sunday, July 11, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for 3rd Sunday of Matthew**
  - Monday, July 12, 6:30am - Early Morning Divine Liturgy for St. Paisios of Mt. Athos
  - Monday, July 12, 7:00pm - Parish Council Meeting
  - Tuesday, July 13, 10:00am - Bible Study
- Saturday, July 17, 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for The Holy Great Martyr Marina
- **Sunday, July 18, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for 4th Sunday of Matthew**
- **Sunday, July 25, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for 5th Sunday of Matthew**
  - Monday, August 2, 5:30pm - Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary
  - Monday, August 2, 7:00pm - Parish Council Meeting
  - Tuesday, August 3, 5:30pm - Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary
  - Wednesday, August 4, 5:30pm - Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

## Parish News and Events

### St. John the Almsgiver Ministry

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### We need your help - You Might be Missing Out

We have started a weekly St. Basil E-Bulletin - which goes out early each week and for some of you, this email is going into "spam" or "trash". Please take a look at your spam and trash files and if you see it there, with most servers there's a button you can push to stop it's going into trash/spam. Or, enter [stbasilchicago@comcast.net](mailto:stbasilchicago@comcast.net) into your email contacts list. Thanks!

**Books for Prisoners** - Many inmates with whom we correspond through the prison ministry request books to read. Topics include self-help, vocational training, orthodoxy, history, and fiction. If you can make a small donation to defray the cost of purchasing and sending books, please see Vicky in the church office. Any size donation is appreciated.

### Stewardship - Have You Become A Steward For 2021?

If not, know that everything we have is God's and we are just managers during this brief life. Become a steward today. "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor. 9:10-11).



## St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 8:15 am Independence Day Orthros and Divine Liturgy for 2nd Sun- day of Matthew	<b>5</b> Independence Day observed	<b>6</b> 10:00 am Bible Study	<b>7</b> 6:30 am Early Morning Divine Liturgy for St. Kyriaki the Great Martyr Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary 6:30 pm Online A.R.E. Class	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for 3rd Sunday of Matthew	<b>12</b> 6:30 am Early Morning Divine Liturgy for St. Paisios of Mt. Athos 7:00 pm Parish Council	<b>13</b> 10:00 am Bible Study	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	<b>17</b> 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for The Holy Great Martyr Marina
<b>18</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the 5th Sunday of Matthew	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>



# Coffee Hour **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

*"My cup overflows with your blessings."*  
PSALM 23:5

Do you want to celebrate a loved one?

- ◊ Birthday
- ◊ Nameday
- ◊ Anniversary
- ◊ Memorial

## Offer a Coffee Hour at St. Basil!

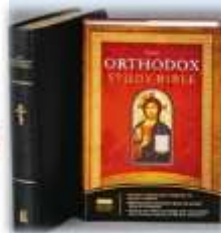
Click the Link to volunteer!



# ONLINE BIBLE STUDY



**St. Basil**  
**Greek Orthodox Church**  
**of Chicago, Illinois**

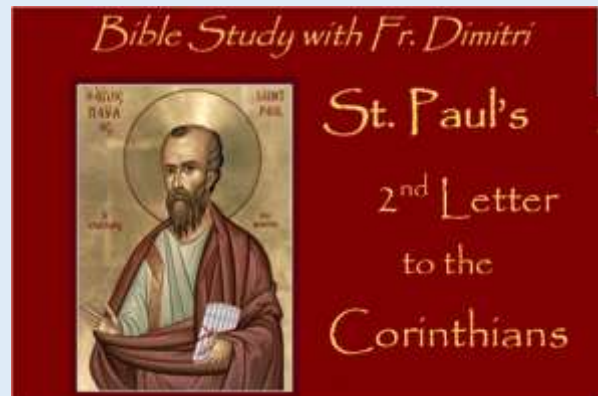


**When:** Tuesday Mornings –  
10:00 am – 11:00 am

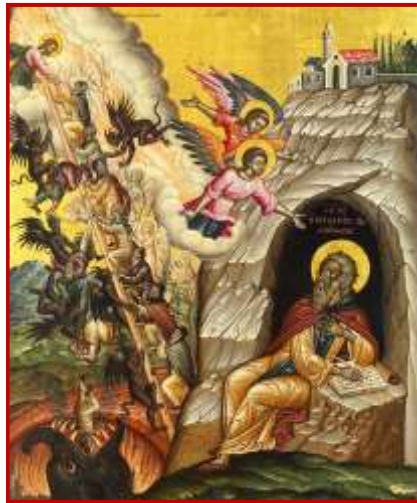
**Where:** ONLINE VIA



Participate in a Zoom Meeting Watch on Facebook Live and ask  
questions in the comments



St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church



Online  
Adult Religious Education

## The Ladder of Divine Ascent

Acquire the Heavenly Virtues and love God more fully

Join us online each week

**Wednesday Evenings 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Zoom Classroom

<https://zoom.us/j/97901297537>

Meeting ID: 979 0129 7537

Read the Text Online by [Clicking this Link](#)

## Matthew 25:35-36 - The Last Judgment



**For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink:**

Please donate food for the needy.

**I was a stranger, and you took me in:**

Please welcome our Catechumens and Guests

**Naked, and you clothed me:**

Please consider donating clothes to the local shelter.

**I was sick, and you visited me:**

Please pray for the speedy recovery of: (Send the names of those you wish prayed for)

**I was in prison, and you came unto me:**

**Please pray for:** Alan, Alfredo, Andrew, Anthony, Arthur, Bryant, Calvin, Choice, Clarence, Coery, Darron, David, Deshaun, Devon, Dolen, Donald, Eddie, Eddie, Edwin, Eugene, Freddie, Henry, James, James, Jerry, Jerry, John, Jose, Joseph, Karl, Kerwinn, Lakeisha, Lendie, Mario, Michael, Michael, Monte, Parrish, Patrice, Ralph, Robert, Robert, Roberto, Ryan, Scott, Patrick Michael, Seneca, Shawn, Terrell, Timothy, Wendell, Willie  
**Please pray for and consider visiting our shut-ins. Please also see Pat Cole to see about writing Letters to those Incarcerated through our prison ministry. It means the world to them to receive love.**

## VISITATION POLICY

If you would like Fr. Dimitri to visit you in the hospital, please call him or have a family member call. Fr. Dimitri will not go unless he is asked by the family. This is in compliance with both HIPAA and patient privacy.



ORTHODOX OBSERVER

If You are not receiving the Observer, please contact the Church Office.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### St. Basil Stewardship Facts: State of the Parish

Operational Expenses  
\$317,700 (860 per day 2021)

Stewards Pledged at St. Basil  
142 of goal of 190

Dollar Amount Pledged  
\$195,659.00

Dollar Amount Collected  
\$118,139.00

Average Pledge  
\$1362.82

**Remember this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:6-7**

Percent of Stewards engaged in a Ministry of St. Basil  
101 out of 142 (70.92%)



As a service to our parishioners who are unable to physically attend Divine Services at St. Basil, a Live Stream of the Services can be found on the Church Facebook Page.



Download the APP DIGITAL CHANT STAND by AGES Initiatives

To follow along during Orthros, Liturgy, Vespers, and Holy Week Services right on your smart device





### ***CALLING STRONG ARMS NEXT SUNDAY***

The Church is going to have the marble cleaned in the church. We need YOUR help! If you can, we need help moving all items off the marble of the Solea and out of the Altar to allow the marble to be cleaned.

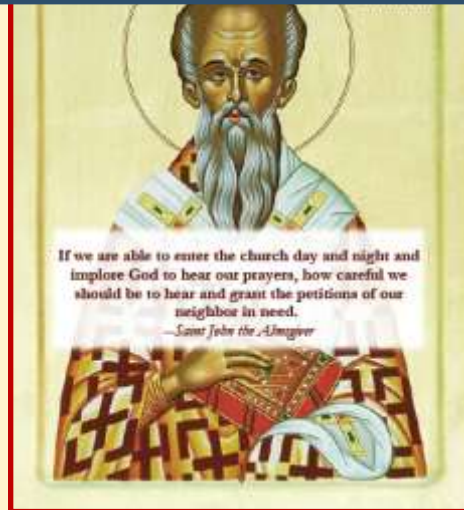
We need volunteers to move the items off after Liturgy on Sunday, July 11th.

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We need volunteers to move the items back after Liturgy on Saturday, July 17th (St. Marina the vanquisher of demons).

Please let the church office know if you can help!

## Parish Outreach



### St. John the Almsgiver Ministry

Our ministry continues to pack and distribute [Almsgiver care packs](#), blankets, and coats to our neighbors in need. If you're able, there are two easy ways to contribute:

**1. Purchase the items we currently need from our [AmazonSmile wishlist](#). Whatever you purchase will be shipped directly to St. Basil.**

- Cloth COVID-19 mask
- 1 winter item (hat, gloves, scarf, etc.)
- 1 long-under wear set
- 2 pairs of single-use warmers (foot and body)
- 1 pair of white tube socks
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 tube of toothpaste
- 1 comb
- 6 Band-Aids
- 3 antimicrobial hand wipes
- 1 bottle of water
- 1 granola bar
- 1 gift card (Jewel \$10)

**2. We are always in need of \$10 Jewel-Osco cards. To purchase these, you can [call or email Jewel-Osco](#) and have the cards mailed to St. Basil (733 S Ashland Ave, Chicago 60607). If you're physically coming to church, you can also drop off gift cards with Mrs. Vicky Crosby.**

# Metropolis Outreach



## CARE KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Sanitary Wipes
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Feminine Products
- Water
- Granola Bar

## WINTER KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Handwarmers
- Winter Gloves
- Socks
- Winter Hats



**H O P E**  
Humanitarian Outreach & Philanthropic Engagement

## DINNER BAGS

In a large reusable or paper bag include:

- Pasta/Rice/Lentils – 2lbs.
- Instant Potatoes – 1 box
- Cereal/Oatmeal – 1box
- Crackers – 1 box
- Broth – 32 oz.

Canned Vegetables – 2 cans

Canned Meat/Fish or Beans – 2 cans

Peanut Butter – 16 oz.

Fruit Jam – 18 oz.

Pasta Sauce – 16 oz.

Cooking Oil – 24 oz.

Nuts/Granola Bars – 1 pack

Canned Soup/Chili – optional

Powdered Milk - optional

**Drop off assembled kits to St. Basil  
Greek Orthodox Church  
on Sundays 9am –12pm.**

**This is an ongoing Metropolis Outreach Project**



Inspired by the impact of the COVID-19 Parish Relief Fund established during the pandemic, the Metropolis of Chicago announced today the establishment of a new parish advancement initiative – **the Mustard Seed Fund** – to help drive parish growth through evangelism, welcoming, and outreach.

The Mustard Seed Fund seeks to replicate the successful model of the COVID-19 Parish Relief Fund, which raised more than \$250,000 for financial assistance to parishes facing economic hardship caused by the pandemic.

To support its objectives and development, the Metropolis of Chicago will seed the new fund with an initial distribution of \$25,000 and will launch and sustain a grassroots fundraising campaign to raise additional donations.

[Learn More](#)

[Donate Now](#)

